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SUBJ: PAK OPPOSITION LEADER DISCLOSES TALKS WITH SHEIKH MUJIB

REFERENCE: ISLAMABAD 10641

1. AT PML PARTY MEETING IN LAHORE ON DEC. 25, FORMER LEADER OF NA OPPOSITION, SARDAR SHAUKAT HYAT, REVEALED THAT HE HAD NOVEMBER MEETING WITH BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH MUJIB-UR-REHMAN IN KUALA LUMPUR, WHEN MUJIB WAS ON HIS WAY HOME FROM TOKYO. HYAT SAID SHEIKH HAD GIVEN HIM ASSURANCES THAT 195 PAKISTANI POW'S WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE TRIED BY BDG WOULD INSTEAD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO PAKISTAN WITHOUT UNDERGOING TRIAL. HYAT CLAIMED HE IMPORED MUJIB TO RELEASE 40,000 DETAINED COLLABORATORS IN BANGLADESH, AND SAID SHEIKH AGREED TO DO SO. HE NOTED THAT , "IN THE SPIRIT OF THE FAITHFUL," MUJIB HAD ORDERED RELEASE OF DETAINEES IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURN TO DACCA. HYAT TOLD AUDIENCE MUJIB WAS ANXIOUS TO RESUME TRADE WITH PAKISTAN, BECAUSE IT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR TWO COUNTRIES TO "COME CLOSER TO EACH OTHER."

2. SARDAR SAID MEETING WITH SHEIKH WAS AT HIS (HYAT'S) INITIATIVE,

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AND ASSERTED HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO MUJIB THAT HE HAD COME AS OLD

COLLEAGUE AND NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF GOP. HYAT SAID MEETING WAS  
EMOTIONAL, AND QUOTED SHEIKH AS ARGUING THAT HE DID NOT CAUSE  
SEPARATION OF BANGLADESH FROM PAKISTAN -- RATHER, BANGLADESH WAS  
"PUSHED.....AWAY BY A CONSPIRACY."  
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